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SECOND AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated December 18, 2003, please grant the attached petition for a 3-month extension of time and amend the application as follows.

Please amend the above-identified application as stated in the **Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2 of this response.

Please consider the **Remarks** beginning on page 6 of this response.